

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Culberson County are gathering in
2 Austin to celebrate Culberson County Day at the State Capitol on
3 March 31, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated among the rugged, scenic mountains of the
5 Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, the county was originally home to
6 the fierce Mescalero Apaches; in 1859, a cavalry outpost was
7 established at the Van Horn Wells, one of the few reliable sources
8 of water in the area; the last Indian battle in the State of Texas
9 was fought in the region in 1881, at the mouth of Bass Canyon in the
10 Sierra Diablo mountains; and

11 WHEREAS, The town of Van Horn was founded in the late 1870s,
12 and in 1881 it became a stop on the Texas and Pacific Railway; and

13 WHEREAS, Formed from El Paso County in 1911, Culberson County
14 was named for Civil War veteran and former U.S. congressman David B.
15 Culberson; Van Horn, by now a prosperous shipping point for cattle,
16 became the county seat; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, tourists are drawn to the region by its
18 austere beauty and colorful history; the county is the gateway to
19 Guadalupe Mountains National Park, a haven for hikers and nature
20 lovers and home to the highest mountain in Texas, Guadalupe Peak;
21 hunters are drawn by the mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and upland
22 game birds; and

23 WHEREAS, The Culberson County Historical Museum in the
24 historic Clark Hotel in Van Horn tells the region's story through

1 displays of Indian and pioneer artifacts, and picturesque buildings
2 such as the Presbyterian Church and the former El Capitan Hotel, now
3 the Van Horn State Bank, vividly evoke the town's past; and

4 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy such annual
5 events as the Culberson County Stock Show in January and the Texas
6 Mountain Art Seminar, Show, and Sale in March; the Frontier Days and
7 Rodeo in June has been a Van Horn tradition for 110 years, and the
8 Old Car Festival in August draws 100 classic cars every year; and

9 WHEREAS, Blessed with great natural beauty and a rich
10 history, the people of Culberson County may indeed take great pride
11 in their unique contribution to the heritage and culture of the Lone
12 Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2009, as Culberson County
15 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
16 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative stay in
17 Austin.

Gallego

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1136

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1136 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House